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SUBJECT: CZECH PRESS: ARTICLE ON CIA AND PORTUGAL

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1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE AND EMBOFF SEPT 19 ON ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPT MFA) TO DISCUSS VISA FOR VOA CORRESPONDENT (REFTEL NOTAL), ZANTOVSKY BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF NYTIMES EDITORIAL OF AUG 12 AND "LACK OF OBJECTIVITY" IN SOME US PRESS ORGANS. CHARGE REPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS LACK OF OBJECTIVITY OF CZECH PRESS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST FEW MONTHS, AND REITERATED THAT OBJECTIONABLE TREATMENT OF US AFFAIRS BY CZECH PRESS WAS HINDRANCE TO IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. ZANTOVSKY SAID THAT NYTIMES EDITORIAL ATTACKED HUSAK PERSONALLY AND CONTAINED FALSEHOODS. CHARGE REPLIED THAT SINCE ZANTOVSKY WAS CITING OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLES, HE WISHED TO CITE SEPT 17 RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE (DEVIL'S CIRCLE," BY DUSAN ROVENSKY) ON CIA IN PORTUGAL. CHARGE SAID HE FOUND ARTICLE HIGHLY OFFENSIVE: ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITY WERE UNTRUE; AND ACCUSATION THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, WHOM CHARGE HAD KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS IN FOREIGN SERVICE, WAS CIA AGENT WAS FALSE AND INSULTING. CHARGE SAID
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THIS KIND OF ARTICLE DID THE CAUSE OF BETTER

US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS NO GOOD.

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